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//KYRIAKOS SEKOURAS, THE 23-YEAR-OLD PAPHOS WAITER

ARRESTED AFTER HE TRIED TO ASSASSINATE ARCHBISHOP TAKARIOS LAST  
SUNDAY, REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN ON THE WANTED LIST SINCE EARLY IN

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THE YEAR FOR HIS ACTIVITIES IN EOKA-B. HE CONFESSED THAT--IN ORDERS OF THE ORGANIZATION--HE PLANTED THE EXPLOSIVES ALONG THE ROUTE MAKARIOS WOULD TAKE TO GO TO SUNDAY MASS. HE CLAIMED THAT HE HAD "QUALMS OF CONSCIENCE" AT THE LAST MINUTE AND DELIBERATELY DETONATED THE CHARGES PREMATURELY. THE POLICE HAVE CONCLUDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE TRIGGERED THE BOMBS IN AN EFFORT TO CREATE A DIVERSION WHICH WOULD ALLOW HIM TO ESCAPE FROM THE SECURITY FORCES GATHERING ALONG THE PATH OF THE ARCHBISHOP'S MOTORCADE.//

//MEANWHILE, THE CYPRIOT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS RESUMED AFTER A ONE-MONTH INTERMISSION, BUT WITH CONTINUED GLOOM OVER THE PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS. (SECRET)// E-B2 IMPDET

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2). CHINA-LAOS: THE CHINESE WILL PARTICIPATE IN AN AIRLIFT TO BRING PATHET LAO PERSONNEL FROM THE COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED BACKCOUNTRY INTO PRINCIPAL LAO GOVERNMENT CENTERS. CHINESE AIRCRAFT, ASSISTED BY CHINESE GROUND TECHNICIANS, ARE SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK TO TRANSPORT AN INITIAL CONTINGENT OF SOME 80-100 PERSONNEL TO LUANG PRABANG. SOVIET AIRCRAFT ARE TO CARRY A SIMILAR NUMBER FROM HANOI TO VIENTIANE.

PEKING CLEARLY HOPES TO DEMONSTRATE THAT IT INTENDS TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN POSTWAR LAOS. CHINA HAS SUPPORTED AN END TO THE FIGHTING AND A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN LAOS, AND MAY HAVE WORKED BEHIND THE SCENES TO HELP COMPOSE DIFFERENCES DURING THE LAST YEAR OR SO OF HOSTILITIES. CHINESE DIPLOMATS ALSO HAVE INDICATED A WILLINGNESS FROM TIME

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TO TIME TO CONSIDER ASSISTANCE FOR PEACE-KEEPING EFFORTS. PEKING AGREED TO EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS WITH SOUVANNA PHOUKA'S GOVERNMENT MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, IN EXPECTATION OF A SETTLEMENT.

PEKING IS OBVIOUSLY COMPETING WITH THE SOVIETS FOR INFLUENCE AMONG LAO COMMUNISTS AND NEUTRALISTS. THE SOVIETS PROVIDED AIR TRANSPORTATION FOR LAO COMMUNIST OFFICIALS ENGAGED IN POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENTIANE PRIOR TO THE CEASE-FIRE. (SECRET)

22. INDONESIA-JAPAN: A RECENT VISIT TO JAKARTA BY A HIGH-POWERED GROUP OF JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN HAS BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE INDONESIA'S GROWING RESENTMENT OF JAPANESE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

THE BUSINESS DELEGATION--SOME 70 COMPANY PRESIDENTS OF THE MITSUI GROUP--TOUCHED A RAW NERVE WITH PUBLIC STATEMENTS THAT MITSUI WAS CONSIDERING INVESTING \$1 BILLION IN WIDE-RANGING ECONOMIC VENTURES IN INDONESIA.//THE US EMBASSY REPORTS THAT IN UNUSUALLY

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BLUNT PUBLIC STATEMENTS, THREE INDONESIAN CABINET  
 MINISTERS CAUTIONED THE JAPANESE TO END UNFAIR BUSINESS  
 PRACTICES AND ASSUME A MORE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE IN  
 THEIR DEALINGS WITH INDONESIA.//

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 WHAT THEY REGARD AS RAPACIOUS JAPANESE BUSINESS PRAC-  
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 INDONESIAN LABOR AND MANAGERIAL TALENT. RESENTMENT  
 AGAINST JAPANESE ECONOMIC INROADS HAS ALSO BECOME  
 MANIFEST AMONG THE INDONESIAN PUBLIC, WHERE THE EPITHET  
 "THE ECONOMIC ANIMALS FROM THE NORTH" HAS COME INTO USE  
 TO DESCRIBE THE JAPANESE.

GROWING ANTI-JAPANESE SENTIMENT HAS STRENGTHENED  
 THE HAND OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO ARGUE THAT  
 JAKARTA MUST BE MORE FORCEFUL IN ITS BUSINESS DEALINGS  
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HAS BEEN SUBORDINATED TO THE DESIRE FOR JAPANESE CAPITAL. MOREOVER, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE WELL AWARE THAT ONE OF PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S CONFIDANTS HAS BEEN FRONTING FOR JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN FOR SOME TIME. THE RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS, HOWEVER, SUGGEST THAT THE CRITICS FEEL THEIR ARGUMENT IS GAINING THE PRESIDENT'S SYMPATHY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. CAMBODIA/UN: THE SIHANOUK CHALLENGE TO KHMER REPRESENTATION IN THE UN MAY TAKE AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD ON 12 OCTOBER. A CHINESE RESOLUTION FAVORING THE SIHANOUK DELEGATION IS SCHEDULED TO COME BEFORE THE GENERAL COMMITTEE THAT DETERMINES WHETHER TO FORMALLY INSCRIBE IT ON THE AGENDA OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. INSCRIPTION MEANS ONLY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL VOTE ON THE SIHANOUK CHALLENGE, BUT IT WILL BE INTERPRETED AS AN IMPORTANT PSYCHOLOGICAL VICTORY FOR SIHANOUK BACKERS.

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THE TWENTY-FIVE MEMBER GENERAL COMMITTEE, HOWEVER, ARE HELD BY EAST EUROPEAN STATES. ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET UNION HAS DECLINED TO SPONSOR THE CHALLENGE THEY MAY WELL SUPPORT IT, MAKING INSCRIPTION LIKELY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. CAMBODIA/USSR/UN: THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT THAWING IN THE SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD SIHANOUK. AFTER GIVING THE PRINCE A POLITICAL COLD SHOULDER FOR OVER THREE YEARS, MOSCOW THIS WEEK REPORTEDLY INFORMED SIHANOUK THAT IT REGARDS HIS GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE AS THE "REAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE." IT EVIDENTLY HAS INSTRUCTED ITS DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO BACK THE EFFORT TO GIVE PHNOM PENH'S SEAT TO SIHANOUK'S "GOVERNMENT."

THE SOVIETS APPARENTLY MADE NO PROMISES TO SIHANOUK ABOUT CLOSING THEIR EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH. HOWEVER, AND SIHANOUK HAS INDICATED HE COULD LIVE WITH THIS. THE SOVIET MOVE INDICATES THAT MOSCOW NOW BELIEVES THAT SIHANOUK WILL PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN A FUTURE SETTLEMENT IN CAMBODIA. AND ITS TIMING PROBABLY WAS INFLUENCED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER'S IMPENDING VISIT TO PEKING.

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MOSCOW UNDOUBTEDLY DOES NOT WANT TO BE EXCLUDED FROM ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON CAMBODIA AND MAY EXPECT THAT CAMBODIA WILL FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN THE SINO-US TALKS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. CAMBODIA: RICE STOCKS ARE DANGEROUSLY LOW IN PHNOM PENH. THE AIRLIFT FROM BATTAMBANG TO PHNOM PENH IS BRINGING IN ONLY 20 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S DAILY REQUIREMENTS. ANOTHER AIRLIFT WILL BEGIN ON 32 OCTOBER TO TRANSPORT SMALL QUANTITIES OF RICE FROM KOMPONG CHHNANG PROVINCE AND FROM CAMBODIAN STOCKS IN SAIGON. THE NEXT SHIPMENT OF THAI RICE IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN PHNOM PENH ON 22 OCTOBER VIA SPECIAL MEKONG CONVOY. AT THAT TIME, GOVERNMENT RICE STOCKS WILL HAVE DWINNLED TO LESS THAN A WEEK'S SUPPLY.

THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO LIMIT DISTRIBUTION OF RICE IN THE CAPITAL, AND MUCH OF WHAT IS GOING TO THE PUBLIC IS DESCRIBED //BY THE US EMBASSY// AS WAREHOUSE SWEEPINGS. THERE IS SOME APPREHENSION THAT THE CAPITAL MAY BE ON THE VERGE OF THE KING OF FOOD RIOTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN SEPTEMBER 1972. THE US EMBASSY HAS INDICATED THAT IN ORDER TO PRESERVE ORDER IN THE CITY, IT

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PERON'S DILEMMA IS POINTED UP BY THE MASSIVE DIVISIONS WITHIN HIS OWN MOVEMENT. LEFT AND RIGHT WING Factions of the PERONIST MOVEMENT ARE ON THE VERGE OF OPEN WARFARE. IF THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE INTENSIFIES, STRIKES MAY SPREAD. THESE CONFLICTS AND THE ESCALATION OF EXTREME LEFTIST TERRORISM WILL ABSORB PERON'S IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, AND HE PROBABLY WILL DEFER A MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE SHAKENUP UNTIL HE HAS HAD TIME TO ASSESS THE PERFORMANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT \*\*\* TEAM. IN A GESTURE TO PROJECT AN IMAGE OF NATIONAL UNITY, PERON REPORTEDLY HAS OFFERED SEVERAL CABINET POSITIONS TO THE MAJOR

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OPPOSITION--THE RADICALS--BUT THEY APPARENTLY INTEND TO DECLINE PARTICIPATION UNTIL THEY BELIEVE PERON IS SUFFICIENTLY HARD PRESSED FOR SUPPORT TO OFFER MORE SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSIONS. (SECRET NO FOREIGN DISSEM) //

2. //PANAMA: THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE HAVE POSTPONED THE SCHEDULED 24-HOUR STRIKE FROM 12 OCTOBER TO 15 OCTOBER. THIS ACTION MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN BECAUSE THE 12 IS COLUMBUS DAY, WHICH IS USUALLY CELEBRATED AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY IN PANAMA.

THE BUSINESSMEN ARE BECOMING MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT THEIR REASONS FOR CALLING THE SHUTDOWN. THEIR MAIN COMPLAINT IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS ADOPTING LAWS WITHOUT CONSULTING THEM. THE STRONGEST CRITICISM HAS BEEN DIPECTED AT THE HOUSING LAW JUST ANNOUNCED BY GENERAL TORRIJOS THAT RETROACTIVELY FREEZES RENTS AT THE 31 DECEMBER 1972 LEVELS AND CONTAINS OTHER PROVISIONS OBJECTIONABLE TO LANDLORDS AND OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE. A PROPOSED REVISION OF THE 1970 BANKING LAW HAS ALSO ENCOUNTERED STRONG OPPOSITION FROM THE FINANCIAL SECTOR. THE BUSINESSMEN REPORTEDLY BELIEVE THAT A FAILURE TO ACT

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NOW TO PROTEST THE ECONOMIC PATH THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING WOULD LEAD THE REGIME TO FEEL FREE TO ADOPT ANY MEASURES IT DESIRES.

THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT PLEASED ABOUT THE IDEA OF A SHUTDOWN, BUT ITS REACTION THUS FAR HAS BEEN FAIRLY RESTRAINED. PRESIDENT LAKAS HAS TRIED TO HEAD OFF THE STRIKE, AND THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PRESS HAVE CRITICIZED THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY'S ACTION. IN A SPEECH YESTERDAY, TORRIJOS CHARGED THAT THE GROUP BEHIND THE STRIKE WAS A "PRIVILEGED SET" SO MINISCULE THAT "IT CAN BE LOADED IN A SINGLE AIR FORCE PLANE AND TAKEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY TO A TOWN SOMEWHERE ON THE FLORIDA PENINSULA WHICH CONSTITUTES THE VALLEY OF ALL LATIN AMERICAN REACTIONARIES." HE HAS INSTRUCTED THE NATIONAL GUARD NOT TO PERMIT CERTAIN OFFICIALS OF THE COUNCIL OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE TO LEAVE PANAMA BECAUSE OF THEIR ROLE IN CALLING FOR THE BUSINESS SHUTDOWN. TORRIJOS THUS MAY BE READY TO TAKE SEVERE MEASURES IF HE JUDGES THAT THE RESCHEDULED STRIKE COULD CAUSE MAJOR DISLOCATIONS TO THE ECONOMY.

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3. COSTA RICA: THE MINISTER OF LABOR AND UNION REPRESENTATIVES, WITH THE HELP OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DANIEL ODUBER, HAVE AGREED ON A WAY TO RESOLVE THE MONTHS-OLD DISPUTE BETWEEN THE ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND THE ELECTRIC POWER INSTITUTE. THE MAIN OBSTACLE TO SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN THE INSTITUTE'S REFUSAL TO REHIRE EIGHT UNION ACTIVISTS. THE TENTATIVE SOLUTION IS THAT THE EIGHT WILL BE PLACED IN OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES UNTIL AFTER ODUBER TAKES OFFICE AND THEN TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE INSTITUTE. THIS AGREEMENT, OF COURSE, PRESUPPOSES THAT ODUBER--RUNNING ON THE GOVERNING PARTY TICKET--WILL WIN THE PRESIDENCY.

ODUBER, WHO IS WALKING A TIGHT-ROPE BETWEEN NEEDING PRESIDENT FIGUERES' SUPPORT IN THE FEBRUARY ELECTION AND WANTING TO DISASSOCIATE HIMSELF FROM SOME ASPECTS OF THE FIGUERES ADMINISTRATION, IS CONCERNED THAT CONTINUED LABOR UNREST WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT HIS PARTY'S CHANCES. HE IS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO HEAD OFF A POSSIBLE LOSS OF LABOR SUPPORT RESULTING FROM FIGUERES' RECENT HARSH BLAST AT THE ELECTRICAL UNION'S LEADERSHIP. FIGUERES, WHO HAS BEEN TRYING TO MEDIATE THE DISPUTE, WAS ANGERED BY UNION IRRESPONSIBILITY

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UNDER THE TERMS OF A PLAN EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED BY THE CABINET BEFORE FOREIGN MINISTER SCHELL'S VISIT TO WARSAW 18-20 OCTOBER, WEST GERMANY WILL OFFER POLAND AN UNTIED CREDIT OF MORE THAN \$400 MILLION. THE EXACT AMOUNT WILL BE NEGOTIATED WITH THE POLES. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE CREDIT WILL NOT BE LINKED TO ANY SPECIFIC PROJECT. THE FUNDS WILL BE RAISED ON THE CAPITAL MARKET AND PAID OUT IN SEVERAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS, WITH THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT PROVIDING A SUBSIDY TO BRING THE INTEREST RATE DOWN TO ABOUT SIX PERCENT. BONN HAS INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT IT DOES NOT CONSIDER THE CREDIT TO POLAND A MODEL FOR OTHER COUNTRIES IN EASTERN EUROPE.

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VILL IMPROVE THE ATMOSPHERE IN SCHEEL'S TALKS WITH THE POLES. THE GERMANS ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SECURING POLISH AGREEMENT TO INCREASE THE PRESENT LOW RATE OF REPATRIATION OF ETHNIC GERMANS. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES BETWEEN BONN AND WARSAW. ALTHOUGH THE POLES HAVE NEVER SAID EXPLICITLY THAT PROGRESS ON REPATRIATION IS LINKED TO WEST GERMAN ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS, BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS A DIRECT CONNECTION.

LOOKING EVEN LARGER ON THE HORIZON, HOWEVER, IS THE STILL UNRESOLVED QUESTION OF CREDITS FOR THE SOVIET UNION--A SUBJECT CERTAIN TO OCCUPY A PROMINENT PLACE ON THE AGENDA FOR SCHEEL'S TALKS IN MOSCOW IN EARLY NOVEMBER. SOVIET LEADERS HAVE LONG EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WEST GERMAN CREDITS AND IN INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION. BUT UNTIL RECENTLY BONN HAS MAINTAINED THAT THE MAMMOTH PROJECTS PROPOSED BY THE SOVIETS WOULD STRAIN WEST GERMANY'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES. BONN IS NOW CONTEMPLATING CREDITS TO THE SOVIET UNION LINKED TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS. ALTHOUGH THE WEST GERMAN OFFER PRESUMABLY WILL FALL SHORT OF SOVIET DESIRES, BONN OFFICIALS UNDOUBTEDLY HOPE THAT THEIR COOPERATION ON THIS QUESTION WILL RESULT IN SOVIET RESPONSIVENESS ON OUT-

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STANDING POLITICAL QUESTIONS, PARTICULARLY ON BERLIN. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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MANY OF THE JEWISH EMIGRANTS WHO LEFT THIS WEEK PROBABLY OBTAINED EXIT DOCUMENTATION BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES. THEY WERE NOT STOPPED AT THE BORDER, BUT THE US EMBASSY, NOTING THAT THE SOVIETS ARE CAUGHT BETWEEN ARAB AND US OPINION ON THIS ISSUE, DOUBTS MOSCOW WILL PERMIT THE FLOW OF EMIGRANTS TO CONTINUE AT THE RECENT HIGH LEVEL IF THE WAR DOES NOT SOON TAPER OFF. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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LEBANON, HOWEVER, CONTINUES TO SHOW NO INTEREST IN GETTING INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING. IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ON 12 OCTOBER, THE DEFENSE MINISTER STRESSED LEBANON'S DEFENSIVE POSTURE. HE AVOIDED ANY SUGGESTION THAT THE LEBANESE MIGHT INITIATE A DIVERSIONARY ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT THE ARMY IS READY TO "FRUSTRATE ANY AGGRESSION." WITH REGARD TO LEBANON'S RELATIONS WITH THE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS, THE DEFENSE MINISTER ASSERTED THAT FEDAYEEN LEADERS HAD SHOWN "UNDERSTANDING" TOWARD THE GOVERNMENT, AN

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4. EAST GERMANY: PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ON 9 OCTOBER, ON A GOOD-WILL VISIT TO MONGOLIA, ERICH HONECKER TOOK TIME OUT TO DRUM UP A LITTLE BAD WILL AGAINST PEKING. IN A WIDELY DISTRIBUTED PRESS ARTICLE, THE EAST GERMAN PARTY CHIEF LEVELED HARSH CHARGES AGAINST THE CHINESE: THAT THEY HAD BETRAYED MARXISM-LENINISM, MADE LEAGUE WITH THE WESTERN IMPERIALISTS, AND DISRUPTED EAST-WEST DETENTE. WHILE THERE WAS NOTHING NEW IN HIS REMAKRS, HONECKER'S TONE WAS NOTABLY SHARPER THAN USUAL. VERY LIKELY HE AND OTHER TOP REGIME OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN PROVOKED BY PEKING'S OPEN WOOING OF BONN AND CHOU'S REPORTED REMARKS IN FAVOR OF EVENTUAL GERMAN REUNIFICATION.

THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE PROSPECT OF ANY OPEN BREAK BETWEEN EAST BERLIN AND PEKING. ON THE 1 OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, THE EAST GERMANS SENT FORMAL CONGRATULATIONS AND DELEGATED A DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TO ATTEND THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION. YET, THE WAR OF NERVES GOES ON. A

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